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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

The reference listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and submitted herewith is an English-language equivalent of Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 2004-3990 which was cited in an Office Action mailed June 16, 2009 in Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-113524 which corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-116902 on which the subject application claims priority.

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The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered and that this reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(2), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$180 fee set forth in §1.17(p) to Deposit Account 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

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